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**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q61987

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Appln. No.: 09/727,590

Group Art Unit: 2624

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Examiner: James A. Thompson

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For: ~~HALFTONE DOT PRODUCING APPARATUS AND HALFTONE DOT PRODUCING  
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM~~

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of four months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 2, 2006 to May 2, 2006.

A check for the statutory fee of \$1590.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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